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SJC Freshman Class to Sponsor Dance Marathon

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This year, Saint Joseph's College will be holding a dance marathon, organized and sponsored by the Freshman Class. This dance marathon will be held to raise money for the Ann & Robert H. Lurie's Children's Hospital located in Chicago.

The goal of the marathon is to raise money that will fund research as well as help with costs of caring for the children at Lurie's Children's Hospital. The event will be held in the campus ballroom located in the Halleck Center on April 8, 2016. It will begin at 8:00 pm and continue until 3:00 am. All guests are invited to register at 7:30pm in the ballroom on the day of the event. Registration will close at 7:45 pm, before the event begins. All donations will be collected through 11:45 pm on April 20, 2016.

All Dance Marathon events in support of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie's Children's Hospital are part of the Miracle Network Dance Marathon organization. This network, according to the organization's website, is "a movement of Children's Miracle



Left: The logo created for the Saint Joseph's College Dance Marathon that will be held on April 8, 2016 in the ballroom. The event is being sponsored by the Freshman Class. All proceeds raised at the event will be directly donated to The Ann & Robert H. Lurie's Children's Hospital in Chicago. Photo courtesy of SJC Dance Marathon event page.

Network Hospitals, a non-profit organization that raises funds and awareness for more than 170 pediatric hospitals." One hundred percent of all donations is put towards the local support of kids. Since the organization began in 1991, over "\$135 million for kids across north America-ensuring that no child or family fights pediatric illness or injury alone." The Miracle Dance Marathon raised \$26,834,682.00 in 2015 alone. There are over 1 million active participants and 350 programs nationwide. Saint Joseph's College has now joined the movement.

Every branch of the organization is student run, and now Saint Joseph's College Freshman Class President and the organizer of the event, Biology-Chemistry major Mary Keenan, is taking on one of those leadership roles in the marathon organization. She encourages students and guests to participate, as the event is "for the kids," which has become the fundraiser's motto. This is Keenan's and the Freshman Class's first event. The goal is to raise 1,500.00 dollars or more.

The Ann & Robert H. Lurie's Children's Hospital in Chicago

is a pediatric hospital. In terms of research, they focus on "scientific, translational medicine and children's health research," including pediatric cancer, neurobiology, human molecular genetics, and looking into new, less toxic medicinal treatments for children. Funds raised at the Dance Marathon will go towards such research as well curbing the costs for patients.

At the dance marathon, the students will spend the entire time they are there dancing in order to raise awareness and fulfill their donation and or fundraising promises. The dance marathon will feature different themed music hours and participants are encouraged to dance many different styles. Food will be provided for participants as well as Zumba dance. Along with dancing there will also be food and activities. So on April 8, come on over the Saint Joseph's College ballroom and onto the dance floor "for the kids!"

You can register or donate online by visiting the following website: <http://events.dancemarathon.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1096>

SJC Digital Media Moves towards Convergence

By Casey Snow
News Editor

Saint Joseph's College is a place of constant changes, updates, and opportunities for students of all majors and in every field. The Digital Media and Journalism department of Saint Joseph's College is making a change to incorporate all aspects of media, from the news broadcasts on TV6 News, to the official radio of SJC, 93.3 The Joe, to SJC's own print newspaper, The Observer. The goal is to allow students to combine their work in each field to converge it onto the first student-run website known as SJC Puma News. This provides students with a new way to work together and use their work for something bigger.

Digital Media professor Fred Berger and sophomore Casey Snow began working on the website at the beginning of the spring semester of 2016, working with students from TV6's class along with those in Sally Berger's

audio classes to add content, keeping up with current events on campus from sports to events to student life. The website is open to contributors from all writing backgrounds including opinions, sports, and even polls and weather updates. Students from all different concentrations are able to work together and share all of the hard work that they do at Saint Joseph's College.

SJC Puma News is its own website built from a company called SNO (School News Online) which gives colleges the opportunity to build their own personalized websites from the ground up. Saint Joe is now taking its first step into convergence and tying a major consisting of all aspects of media into a website, giving them the experience of growing in their field and expanding on what they already know by presenting it in a way that stays up-to-date with today's internet lifestyle. Students all over campus work in these different

fields; rushing to put together newspaper articles and layouts, creating radio promotions to be aired on the campus radio station, and producing live news to be aired on TV for all students to see. Having a news website is the perfect outlet to bring together this major as a whole and allow these students to further their work by incorporating it into a whole new field that allows their work to be featured online.

Junior Lindsey Werking has begun working on her own weather update after years of broadcasting the weather for TV6 News, and sophomore Christine Manika is able to use her knowledge and passion for sports broadcasting to keep scores and highlights of SJC games by combining writing, photos, and video broadcasts from games and interviews with the players. In addition to student participation, the website provides students in media professor Bill Oates' reporting classes to get the full experience of media coverage and reporting as a new outlet for

SJC's Digital Media students.

The ultimate goal of the website is to allow contributors to get hands-on experience working together to report news using multiple platforms. This allows the hard work that they put in to be used not only in the TV lab or radio station, but to viewers of the news website and even incoming SJC students. The website can be seen live at sjcpumanews.com, so don't forget to stop by, leave some feedback in the comment section, and take part in the fun polls that the website has to offer!

Student Association Makes Constitutional Changes

By Lauren Grasham
News Writer

The Saint Joseph's College Student Association (SA) has decided to make some big constitutional changes this semester. Many of these changes involve two areas: campus clubs and the election process.

All clubs on campus will now be required to host at least one campus-wide event each semester; clubs must hold an all-campus event in order to keep their funding. It will also act as a way to see what activities are interesting to the student body, based on attendance at the event; the more students that attend events for certain clubs will help decide how much attention will be given to them in the following year in terms of budget.

The time frame for elections of SA and club officers is also changing. In the past, SA held their elections during the first week of April. Now, they will be held during the first week of

December. On Campus clubs will also be required to hold elections in December, whereas before, each club had varying election dates. Sophomore Computer Science and Philosophy major, Jared Smith, who is the Vice President of SA, says that this will help solidify any changes within the group's officers: "These changes were made to improve school spirit, involvement, and communication."

These student government oriented changes are not the only major changes happening this semester. SA has already put their efforts into working on new projects that will be quite beneficial to the students of Saint Joseph's College in terms of improving campus life. They have made improvements to the water bottles and fountains that are distributed around campus. There is also a new program called "Check on Here." The program's goal is to help improve classroom attendance.

These changes that were made may also be the starting place for future projects and events. "I think these will springboard for future changes," Smith says, "Overall we want to make campus a better place."

The Student Association has already started to plan for the following school year. Next semester they would like to add disc golf to the list of activities that are available to students. The group also plans to make more changes to the constitution, making Saint Joseph's College even a better place for the community.

If you are interested in learning more information about the new programs, policies, and events that SA is planning, feel free to attend senate meetings which are held bi-monthly on Wednesday nights in the Courtney Auditorium located in the Core Building. You can also contact your resident hall governors and senators for information.

Jubilee Ceremony to Take Place at Commencement

By Natalie Dziadosz
News Writer

As college students, we look forward to one day specifically, graduation. This year in particular, is a very special year for the graduating class. Along with the regular graduation ceremony, a 50-year jubilee will be a part of the ceremony. The class of 1966 will be honored alongside the class of 2016 during the commencement service which will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 PM.

Kendra Illingworth, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, is in charge of organizing the ceremony. She commented, "All returning members of the Class

of 1966 will be honored at events throughout the weekend and will be individually called to cross the stage as part of the 2016 Commencement ceremony."

The jubilee celebration itself will begin on May 6 -7, 2016 at the spring commencement. There is hope that the 50 year jubilee will provide a successful Homecoming 50th reunion. There is a full schedule of events planned for the celebration which closes the weekend of September 30-October 2, 2016.

During this celebration, the Class of 1966 will be inducted into the new group called the Golden Pumas. The Golden Pumas is a new group whose membership is restricted to

alumni whose class has graduated 50 or more years ago. Alumni who are inducted receive what is known as the Golden Pumas Medallion.

Along with the jubilee ceremony, Saint Joseph's College is implementing other new graduation traditions. Some of the new graduation events include the addition of a brick walkway for the Class of 2016. There will be opportunities for the graduating seniors to purchase a brick with their name and graduation year on it for \$25.00. A date has yet to be set for the brick laying ceremony. This is the first year for the Senior Walk installation. Every class following the Class of 2016 will have an opportunity to participate in their class walk.

Illinworth had this to say, "We want this class to have the highest participation rate in the history of graduating classes. The more students who purchase the brick, the higher their participation rate will be."

Another new opportunity for the graduating seniors will be a time capsule that will be sealed inside the Whispering Wall and May 6, 2016. Seniors will have an opportunity to put items inside the capsule during this time.

More details concerning the brick laying ceremony and the time capsule will be released as we move closer to graduation.

2016 Election Update: A Contested Convention?



By Jose Arteaga
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Last Tuesday, the Republicans held a Super Tuesday that included five crucial swing states. One of the big winners of that night was Governor John Kasich who was able to deliver a win in Ohio. Also, Sen. Marco Rubio lost the Florida primary to Donald Trump by double digits. Rubio has struggled in winning states, and since he could not win his home state (Florida), Rubio dropped out of the race. Trump, Cruz, and Kasich are the remaining Republican candidates.

The 66 delegates Kasich picked up in Ohio give him 143 delegates out of the 1,237 needed for the nomination. But with only 1,061 delegates left to be chosen in the coming weeks, Kasich won't have enough delegates to secure a majority on the first ballot—even if he wins 100% of the remaining delegates.

On the other hand, a Trump win in winner-take-all Ohio after his win in Florida would have given him 739 delegates, rather than the 673 currently in his tally. The former outcome would have left Trump only 489 delegates away from a first-ballot victory, requiring him to average only 45% of the delegates in the coming contests. Given the likelihood of strong performances by Trump in the northeastern state primaries like New Hampshire and New York, Trump would have all but assured the nomination.

But the Kasich win in Ohio leaves Trump 564 delegates shy of a majority, requiring him to win, on average, 53% of the delegates going forward. So if Kasich and Cruz remain competitive in the coming contests, many of which allocate delegates proportionately, then Trump's winning an outright majority is unlikely.

If the goal is to stop Trump, his opponents should prefer a three-person race going forward, despite Cruz's claim that Kasich should drop out and let the contest become a simple choice between Trump and Cruz.

As the nomination process moves into the Northeast and the West, Cruz will be competing in terrain less hospitable to his very conservative, evangelically oriented candidacy. Kasich will have a greater appeal to moderate Republicans, especially in states like Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Cruz is more likely to take votes away from potential

Trump supporters than from potential Kasich supporters. A three-person race may produce a contested convention, where Kasich has considerable leverage in determining the nominee.

If Trump comes close to the required number of delegates, but still falls a bit short, the convention will have no choice but to give Trump the nomination. To do otherwise would threaten a walkout by Trump supporters and a potential third-party run by Trump. However, if Trump falls significantly short of 1,237, then the convention will have to explore alternative paths.

Assuming Rubio endorses Cruz and directs his delegates to vote for him, it will further accentuate the Cruz-Trump stalemate and enhance the role of Kasich in the convention. Of course, if Cruz and Trump strike a bargain, they can determine the outcome, but given their bitter rivalry, this may not be possible. Kasich could demand the vice presidency as the price for support, but the vice presidency is an inconsequential office unless the president chooses to make it more.

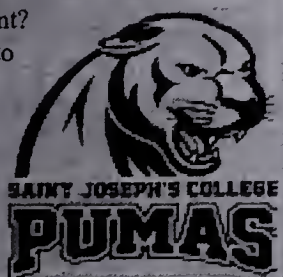
It is more likely that Kasich will throw his support to a dark horse candidate like Paul Ryan, who could be nominated if the Rules Committee at the convention suspends Rule 40B, which requires any nominee to have won a majority of eight delegations to be nominated (a rule enacted in 2012 to prevent the nomination of Ron Paul). Kasich would probably play a more consequential role in a Ryan presidency than in a Trump or Cruz presidency. It might be easier for Trump and Cruz supporters to swing their support to a dark horse candidate than to their primary rival.

Historically, only about 5% of the delegates are unpledged on the first ballot, but that percentage rises to 57% on the second ballot and 81% on the third ballot. The delegates, quite a few of whom are party regulars, rather than Trump or Cruz true-believers, could step in to save the party. The U.S. has not had a brokered Republican Convention since 1948, and a dark horse has not emerged from a party convention since the Democratic Convention of 1924. However, the times seem ripe for a dramatic departure from recent practice.

Upcoming Puma Events!

March 25- March 28 - Easter Break
March 31 - April 1 - Kairos 73
April 4 - 7 - Registration for Fall 2016
April 8 - Dance Marathon
April 12 - Colloquium

Want to get the word out about your event?
Email the date and name of your event to
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Shouldn't "Spring" Break Be "Springy"?

By: Kertney Bronzyna
Opinions Writer

Snow and ice were still on the ground when we got out of school for our beloved Spring Break. We still had our temperatures below forty-degrees. So why do we have our Spring Break in the beginning of March in Indiana? I understand that we get out of school for "summer" break in the beginning of May, and that our midterms have to be that week before Spring Break. So maybe I'm not upset about the timing, per se, of the break, but the temperatures that we had to endure during this break.

In the movies, people always go to the beach for Spring Break, or at least somewhere warm. I don't understand that concept in actuality, though. Who has the money in college to actually go to a beach? I can barely afford food. Unless your parents are paying for that, I don't think it's an honest assumption for people to think everyone should be going to somewhere warm during Spring Break. Most people honestly just go home. I went to Michigan, which is actually colder.

Why are people so keen on asking if students are going some place warm for Spring Break? Most likely, that answer is no, unless the student has been saving for a long time or someone else is helping them pay for it. Think about it: not only are you paying for a flight (or gas if you're driving) to somewhere warmer than Indiana, but you're also paying for your hotel for a week (really expensive), food, and if you really want a good time, alcohol. That's a lot of money! Plus, you will need to pay to get around if you're not driving and probably to get into some tourist attractions. Maybe some souvenirs.

Is this really realistic for broke college students? No. Maybe if we lived closer to the beach, but that's not how it is. So what are we stuck doing for Spring Break? Staying in Indiana (or Illinois, or Michigan, or wherever we are from). But that's not so bad if we know how to spend it: with family or friends and with better food (Bye, Sodexo!). We may not be spending it in a place that would be nice, but at least we are making memories. Or just sleeping our break away. Either way, we are doing something with that time.

A Debt Sentence

By: Ashley Brinkman
Opinions Writer

After returning from great spring break away from the reality that is Saint Joseph's College, I decided to do something I knew I would regret. On Monday morning, at 4 am while I was suffering from jet lag, I decided to calculate my college debt. As of this moment, I am \$35,600 in debt. Now, I know some people say that is nothing. I have less than forty grand in debt, while some people have over one hundred thousand dollars in debt by the time they graduate. And I know my study abroad last semester really added a whole extra layer of fun to my impending debt.

However, over half of my college debt will be in high interest loans that the government so graciously decided I was deserving of. It is very strange that our government, who is trillions of dollars in debt, feels the need to give money to some of the youngest and poorest people. And sure they give students a space of six months where they do not have to start paying on those loans, but with the current job market and the current state of the world in general, that is nothing. What if I don't find a reasonable job within those six months? What if I'm stuck making minimum wage because my experience and skill just aren't good enough for a job in my field? I cannot make minimum payments on one loan for the rest of my days. That \$35,600 dollars will probably be over \$50,000 by the time I am done paying them off, if I am lucky. How am I supposed to live the American Dream, if I am given a debt sentence for wanting to have a dream?

"Extinguishing the Bern" Part 2

By: Stephan Nickel
Opinions Writer

Last issue I discussed the tax plans of Democratic presidential candidate, Bernie Sanders. So in this issue I will look at his proposal to make college tuition free with the revenue of his planned tax increases. Of all of his ideas, this is one that bothers me the most. The reason it bothers me so much is that I believe that college is a privilege, NOT a right. As a society we have brainwashed youth into thinking that the only way to be successful is to go to college. Not only is this a lie, but it is actually harmful to our country and has created the current college tuition crisis facing our country. The reason this lie is so harmful is that it has changed the purpose of college from a pursuit of knowledge into a life experience. Many people have been successful not going to college. Just look at Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Ted Turner, and Oprah, to name a few. While it is true that you could argue these are extraordinary cases, what about all the people who entered a trade after high school. These plumbers, electricians, etc. usually make between \$70,000 and \$90,000 a year, which is a heck of lot more than those college graduates with a 14th Century Literature degree are going to make. Therefore, it is safe to say that going to college isn't what makes you "smart."

Another thing people in favor of Bernie's plan for free college don't understand is that it will actually restrict people from going to college. Currently there are about 5300 colleges in the US. Not only would free college cause a lot of these schools to close, but it will also reduce the number of students admitted. For example, a small school like St. Joseph's College would not survive in competition against the other big schools like Purdue and IU. The number of students able to go to college would also be reduced because as schools become fewer, the standards at the remaining schools would be forced through the roof. All this would lead a more regulated and restricted college environment that, in the end, will be protested by the same people who championed it just a few years prior.

Small College Living

By: Juliana Pater
Opinions Writer

I was giving a tour to a prospective student recently, when she told me that she goes to a high school with a couple thousand students. A couple thousand, let's step back and think about that. Saint Joseph's has about 1,100 students. In each class there is close to 300-350 students. Now imagine that Saint Joe had 4,000 students. Each core lecture you attended would have 1,000 students in it. Think about your major department, where they are probably no more than say 50-60 students, if not less, involved in it. If Saint Joe were bigger there would probably be more like 500 students in your department. Can you imagine how difficult it would be to see your favorite professor? Or maybe, your professor wouldn't even be your professor because you'd be taught by a graduate student, or a TA. Additionally, each class which now at Saint Joe is probably 15-20 students, could be more like 50-100 students. Think about that...would anyone ever ask you for your opinion in a class like that?

Okay, all in all these are exaggerated estimations but the fact that Saint Joe is a small school, provides us students with opportunities that other students at larger institutions just don't get. Look at the way our seniors are friends with freshman, and the way that a whole sophomore class can get together to organize a dance for the whole school. Let's think about the way we treat our Puma family. I don't know about you but I would stick up for anyone if they were a Puma, no matter what the circumstance. I am on the last leg of my senior year and as I look back on the past 4 years, I can't help but wonder what my college experience would've been like if I went to a large, public college or university. Would I be able to say I have strong relationships with not only many of the students but also many members of the faculty? Would I be able to say that I met all different kind of people when I joined 5 different clubs/activities? Would I be able to say that my college experience changed the course of my life? Would I be able to say that I met people who would love me no matter what? Would I be able to call that other school my home? These are questions I wonder about, but in my heart I know (even though that sounds so cheesy) Saint Joe really gave me everything I could ask for in my college experience (well except the food, but we all know how I feel about that.) Go Pumas!

Violence at Trump Rallies

By: Steven Sewell
Opinions Writer

The violence at Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump's rallies is out of control. Two weeks ago, Trump's Chicago rally had to be postponed due to fights between supporters and protesters. Is this the new normal in American politics? I don't think so. The violence at Trump rallies is a result of the GOP telling their base for years that everything is terrible and that compromising with the left is a betrayal. Donald Trump ratcheted up that rhetoric and directed it towards everyone, and now the GOP is losing the most vitriolic, hostile supporters they've played off of for years. Not all Trump supporters are like this, because his anti-establishment messages appeal to anti-establishment conservatives, but enough are to make his rallies violent. He incites and encourages these people when he struggles to denounce Ku Klux Klan leaders and retweets neo-Nazis. When he promises to pay violent supporters' legal fees but denies violence at campaign rallies, it's obvious he's attempting to appeal to these people while providing himself an easy way out when confronted. It's truly fascinating and entertaining to watch him steal the GOP's thunder. Unless the GOP somehow steals the nomination from Trump, the 2016 election could very well be the death of the Republican Party, if it hasn't died already.

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Home

By Vivian Myers
Features Writer

DreamWorks Animation released *Home* on March 27th, 2015. It was directed by Tim Johnson and was loosely based off of the children's book *The True Meaning of Smekday* written by Adam Rex. The movie has many well known actors and actresses voicing the main character rolls. The more well known names are Jim Parsons as Oh, Rihanna as Gratuity 'Tip' Tucci, Jennifer Lopez as Lucy Tucci, Matt Jones as Kyle and, Steve Martin as Captain Smek. This fun and loveable film only runs for 94 minutes.

The sound track for the movie includes a single produced by Rihanna, 'Towards the Sun'. And a single produced by Jennifer Lopez, 'Feel the Light'. There is a second song in the movie that was produced by Rhianna, 'Only Girl (In the World)', although this song wasn't counted in the sound track.

The Boov, the aliens, are headed for Earth as they have

claimed it as their safe haven from their enemy, the Gorg. The Boov decide to move all humans to Australia. This is where they have built a continent sized town with everything the humans will ever need. The Boov move into the now vacant towns and cities of Earth. On accident they left one girl, Gratuity 'Tip' Tucci, in her home. She escapes in search of her mother who has been taken by the Boov. This is when she runs into Oh, a Boov, who has also escaped from the Boov. They come together to escape the Boov completely and search for Gratuity's mother.

This movie is about two different types of beings coming together to accomplish a goal. They need to find Gratuity's mother who's been stolen away from her, and they need to save the planet from the Gorg. It also uses the theme of immigration throughout the movie. First, the Boov are immigrating to Earth. It shows the negative effect is has

on the current residents of the planet, and it shows how the Boov finally feel safe once they get to Earth. We also see immigration when Tip talks to Oh about how she and her mom just moved to New York City from Barbados. She talks about how difficult the transition has been and how no one understands like her mom does. She feels very much out of place without her mother.

If nothing else, you should watch this movie for the interesting language of the Boov and the feel-good experience you get from the story. The colorful and strange Boov add that element of unknown to the story while the familiar settings make you wonder if this couldn't actually happen. In fact, watching this movie will be a very easy task for you! It's on Netflix!



Above: A poster for Dreamworks' *Home*. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

The Lizzie Borden Chronicles

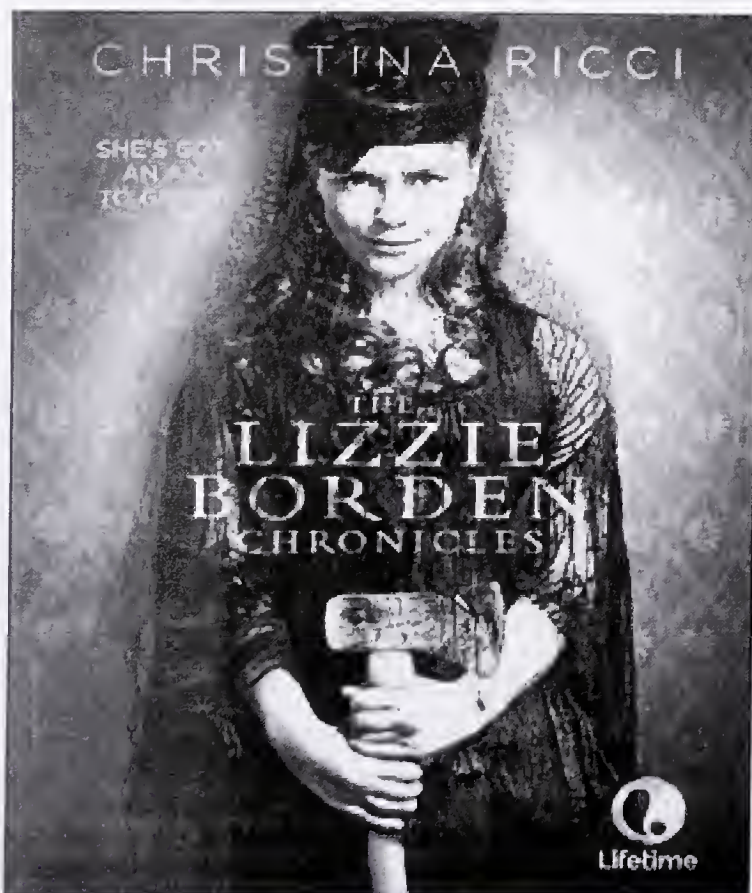
By Justice McGee
Features Writer

Dear old Lizzie Borden, such an infamous soul in American history. I'm sure we've all heard about her, watched the movie *Lizzie Borden Took an Axe*, and/or heard the little rhyme kids like to jump rope to. Pretty crazy story, is it not? Even more crazy may just be the fact that it's step by step based off of the actions of an actual girl from the 1800s. Now if you've seen the movie and enjoyed it, I'm sure you'll be happy to hear they've made a TV show about her! Yup, if you haven't already, I suggest you get Netflix or talk a friend into giving you their password! You can watch season one as of right now. Now, don't get me wrong - I'm not saying I like Lizzie Borden, but I've got to say, it's rather interesting. I watched the movie about a year ago and it was all right. Nothing I'd watch more than once. Though, when I was browsing Netflix about two weeks ago to try and find something to catch my interest and procrastinate on any work I needed to focus on, I came across the new television series based on the movie. I decided to give it a try, checked out the pilot episode, and I did not regret it! I watched the entire season in about two days!

The series starts off after the murder of Lizzie's stepmother and father. She's no longer in court because the jury found her not guilty. Instead, the TV series is solely about how she spent her time after everything in the movie

took place. Lizzie lives with her older sister in their childhood home. The show goes through a series of many different people who come into the Borden sisters' lives and "interfere" in a way that makes Lizzie believe she needs to "deal" with them. And how does she do it? Well, let's just say she's got a way to do the dirtiest deeds and have others wrongfully blamed, while not one policeman even points a finger at her! The entire TV series is a bit violent as well as gruesome, but even so

I must vouch that it is one that'll keep you interested in what will happen next. Lizzie Borden is quite the character. Obviously she's awful; there's no denying that, but you see more to her. The TV show won't have you in tears and you won't feel bonded to her, but it has an interesting storyline. I definitely recommend you check out this TV show if you're interested in the mind of one of America's most notorious female killers!



Above: A poster for Lifetime's *The Lizzie Borden Chronicles*. Photo courtesy of imdb.com.

I Want Wendy's

By Jennie Weer
Features Writer

I like fast things. I'm on the go; I like to eat, and I love fast food. Why is there such a shame over loving fast food? Is it healthy? Heck no. Is it delicious? Heck YEAH. I like going through a drive-thru, having my food in seven minutes, and eating in the comfort of my own room watching *Mad Men*.

My freshman and sophomore year I begged for Taco Bell. It was one of my favorite parts of going home. A Sunday tradition I created was Taco Bell after mass for my brother and I. Like all good things, when it came to Rensselaer and was something I enjoyed too often, my love of the restaurant dwindled to a couple times a month when I hadn't had time for the cafeteria and the hub's line was out the door.

A fast food restaurant I would love to see in this college town we live in is Wendy's. Sometimes I'm in the mood for those natural cut, sea salt fries that have neither the grease nor calories of a McDonald's option. Their baked potatoes are my go-to as well. (Maybe this should be about my possible starch addiction??) Love me some 'taters.

Wendy's also offers frosty's that are cheap and never disappointing. They even have occasional fundraisers when you buy one! Good job, Wendy's.

If you're a salad kind of person, they offer five different types - some with chicken, some meat free, and even one with apples.

While I gave up meat as a part of my diet seven years ago, if you're the carnivorous type, they offer not only burgers, fish filet sandwiches, but chicken in nugget, sandwich, and wrap forms.

Now that the food and frosty's are out of the way, let's talk about that lemonade. Never have I ever drank a better lemonade than I have at Wendy's. They have all-natural and strawberry, and I promise you it is to die for, especially when it's hot out and tea (which they have too!) doesn't sound like the best choice.

I want to see it in Rensselaer. It appeals to college students because 1) it's food. We like that stuff. 2) It gives variety to the few fast food options we have. 3) The food is different and slightly healthier than the options we have, and 4) they would have excellent business because I would be there all the time.

Now, if it did come to Rensselaer, would they still have business after the first few months? Sure! I've never seen Taco Bell empty.

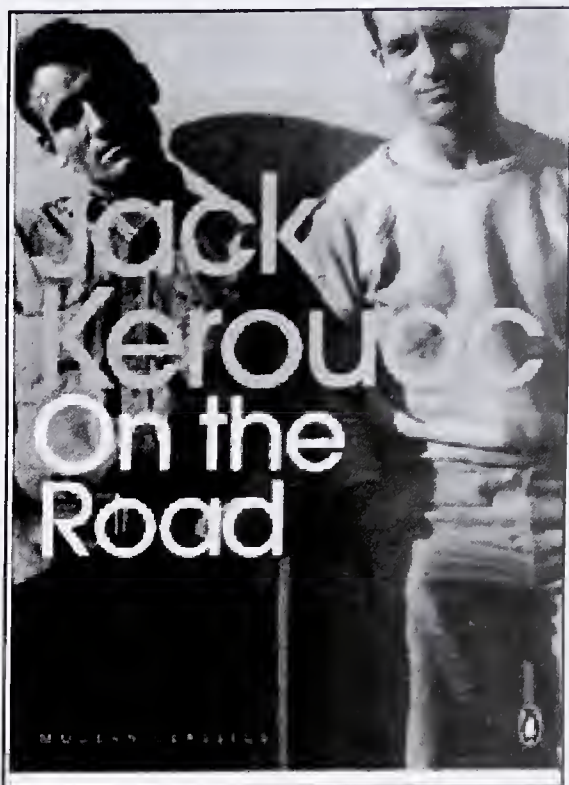
If you hear any gossip of this yummy place coming to our town in the next two months, let me know. I'd love to enjoy a frosty after receiving my diploma.

On the Road

By Justin Hays
Features Writer

As spring break has come to a close and summer is inching closer, everyone is itching for the freedom that begins once school ends in May. Free from the grind of classes, summer is a time to do... well whatever you want. The potential for good times is exhilarating. The almost tangible energy that surges through campus once March hits is the anticipation for what lies ahead in the days of summer. Summer offers almost endless possibilities to simply just go, whether that means spending late nights going out with friends or going on the road trip of a lifetime. Road trips are a fixture of summer and the overall college experience. Driving the hundreds of miles with good friends, good music, and good conversation is almost as thrilling as the actual destination of the trip.

No one did the road trip better than Jack Kerouac. Kerouac, the ultimate seeker of freedom and experience, constantly had the same anticipation of freedom that college students feel as summer nears. Jack Kerouac was a popular figure of the famed Beat Generation of the late 40's and 50's – essentially the counter-culturists before being counter-culture was cool. Kerouac felt a never-ending yearning to go, to see more of the world, and to meet more people. This yearning took Kerouac across America and Mexico many times over, and led to novels that have inspired many generations.



Above: Cover of Jack Kerouac's novel *On the Road*.
Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Kerouac's most popular work, *On the Road*, documents the seemingly never-ending road trip Kerouac embarks on with his eccentric, con-artist friend Neal Cassady. Censorship was a problem for writers in the 50's and Kerouac's exploits weren't exactly up to the moral code of the era. Because of this, Kerouac had to change the names of all his characters in the book, and he took on the pseudonym of "Sal Paradise". Paradise and Dean Moriarty, a.k.a. Neal Cassady, embark on a span of road trips in the tireless pursuit of experience and good times that takes them to New York City, Denver, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Mexico. Throughout their

journey, the men hitchhike, break the law, pursue women, and truly discover what the road has to offer two hungry souls. The two men truly devoted themselves to the road trip: forgoing steady jobs, staying in countless motels, and making do with whatever little money was in their pockets to go out and get drunk.

Kerouac's flowing, stream of thought prose can be an adjustment at first, but the pages fly by as Kerouac and Cassady frantically blaze from one city to the next. Although published in 1957, this classic novel will give any person eager for experience the inspiration needed to hit the road.

Forest Hill Drive

By Cameron Adams
Features Writer

To many, this may be both a surprise or common knowledge. This review is on J Cole's album *Forest Hills Drive: Live from Fayetteville, NC*. This is his first ever live album and was released on January 28, 2016, which was J Cole's 31st birthday. The album was recorded during a concert that he was giving in his hometown while filming his HBO documentary *Forest Hills Drive: Homecoming*. It was at that time that Cole decided to share his story with his fans, which became known to people throughout the world as the album, *Forest Hills Drive*, which was released in December 2014.

This album is virtually the same as the original album with very obvious differences. Since the album was recorded live, the obvious energy that Cole feels about the songs he's performing is evident. It makes the songs that much better. Songs that you already like and have a connection with are made even better with the blatant passion J Cole conveys in telling his stories.

Another aspect that is different in the album, is J Cole's interaction with the crowd in Fayetteville. You could very easily say that the crowd is part of what gives J Cole some of the energy that he has throughout the entire album. In each of the songs in the album, Cole involves the audience and draws from them. He speaks his whole heart and mind to



Left: Cover art for J Cole's album *Forest Hills Drive: Live*.
Photo courtesy of Google Images.

them. He opens up to them and by extension, he opens up to the listeners. The song that he does this the most would probably be the "Intermission," which features some of his famous songs: "Lights Please", "In the Morning" and "Nobody's Perfect." J Cole takes the time to do a throwback and recognize some the fans who were following from the time when he first appeared in 2007.

Another aspect that is a bit different is the great performance of the band, singers, and the DJ. One of the best uses of the DJ is the beginning of the song "G.O.M.D", when DJ Dummy goes crazy on a mix that really sets the already great song up to be much greater.

All in all, this album is every bit as good if not better than the original *Forest Hills Drive* album. You will love the great songs with an environment that only makes them sound that much better. If you are looking for a album that you will thoroughly enjoy, delve into the world of *Forest Hills Drive: Live*.

Daredevil: Season 2

By Joe Cain
Features Writer

A year after he first debuted on Netflix, *Daredevil* is back, returning viewers to the darker, murkier corner of the Marvel Movie Universe. It's inhabited by bloodthirsty gangsters and the likes of Jessica Jones, Luke Cage, and the odd secret Ninja clan. This is a comic book adaptation after all.

After the events of last season, Matt Murdock, the Devil of Hell's Kitchen, has become a neighborhood urban legend. He is a silent protector who defends the people and beats criminals to a bloody pulp. However, a new vigilante dubbed the Punisher, has arrived in town and unlike Matt, he has no reservations about killing criminals, slaughtering the unjust in droves, and pitting the mob families against one another in what may soon become an all-out war.

Add in the arrival of Elektra, a mysterious woman from Matt's past, and *Daredevil* has a lot of trouble on his hands.

Then again, this is New York City in the Marvel Universe. Alien invasions and imminent doom are a part of everyday life.

Like with last season, the highlight is definitely the fight scenes. Marvel productions have all had very good fight choreography, from Black Widow's ballerina of death combat style to Captain America and Peggy Carter's boxer like brawling style. But the Marvel movies have always stuck to a PG through PG-13 rating range, meaning the most you'll ever see in terms of injury is a bloody lip.

That's not the case, with the content freedom that Netflix allows for. Bones crunch, faces get busted in with gratuitous amounts of gore, and the fighting all has an intense, visceral nature to it that makes it feel far more real than anything we see with superheroes on the big screen.

The newcomers Punisher and Elektra are fantastically acted, with the former giving off a barely contained, unhinged sort of rage that's truly terrifying to behold, and the latter giving off an erotic, toxically dangerous vibe

that's as scary as it is alluring. Both of these characters have had movies of their own in the past, though neither captured them very well.

This time around, they're fantastic representations of their comic counterparts and if

Marvel is looking to expand their Netflix roster, they'd do well to give these two their own solo adventures.

Overall, *Daredevil's* second season is a great addition to the Marvel franchise, telling a great, gritty story of it's own, while also

laying more seeds for the *Defenders* mini series, where *Daredevil* and fellow heroes of Hell's Kitchen Jessica Jones, Luke Cage, and Iron Fist will team up to save the city.



Above: Promotional Poster for Marvel's *Daredevil* streaming on Netflix. Season 2 is now available.
Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Baseball Climbing Up from the Fall



Picture: Marty Napleton
Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland

By Christine Manika
Sports Writer

The Saint Joseph's College Baseball team went back to work this weekend after finishing up their Florida tour over Spring Break. The Pumas went on the road to compete in the GLVC Crossover Series. On Saturday, SJC lost against Missouri S&T 7-0 and later came up on top against Walsh University in the second game 4-1.

Missouri S&T got the early lead in the first and second inning, scoring one run in each. Meanwhile, the Pumas were struggling to get into scoring position throughout the game. Aside from their lack of scoring, the Pumas held onto Missouri S&T with three runs through seven innings. Puma pitcher, Mark Chemello, got in and out of

bases loaded, no out situation and only gave up one run. Missouri S&T, however, scored four more runs in the ninth inning.

The second game turned the day around for the Pumas when they had an early 2-0 lead. Cam Curry and Josh Handzik started the Pumas off with back-to-back singles, and Brenden Rivera scored one with an RBI single. Riley Benner then earned an RBI off an error to bring in Handzik.

The Pumas took advantage of Walsh University's errors in the second inning with Rivera hitting a sacrifice fly to score one, and Marty Napleton earned an RBI. SJC held onto their lead throughout the game only giving up one run in the fourth.

The Pumas' hot bats were backed up by strong pitching from Quinn Snarskis throwing

his third complete game victory, giving up one run and completing six strikeouts.

The Pumas finished off the weekend the next day taking on University of Missouri-St. Louis and Kentucky Wesleyan College. The Pumas went into the first day of spring swinging with back-to-back singles from Jack Bigos and Josh Handzik followed up by a two RBI double from Marty Napleton. Garret O'Neill keeps the line moving with another two RBI double, bringing the Pumas up 4-0. Missouri-St. Louis answered back with a two run homerun in the top of the fourth, making the score 4-2. In the eighth, Josh Handzik extends the Pumas' lead 5-2 with an RBI double. Final score SJC 5, Missouri-St. Louis 2.

For the final game against Kentucky Wesleyan College, it

was a slow start until Kentucky Wesleyan scored two runs in the fifth, leading the Pumas 2-0.

The Pumas bats got hot in the sixth inning when Brenden Rivera hit a lead off double followed by an RBI double by Marty Napleton. Pumas were down by one, with a score of 2-1. Ryan Keck scored for the Pumas with a sacrifice fly to tie the game. Garrett O'Neill and Keck then helped the Pumas take the lead in the seventh with RBI singles making the score 4-2.

The bats were hitting RBI doubles like Oprah giving away free cars with the score 6-2. Garrett O'Neill then fired a 2-run homerun with the Pumas extending their lead 8-2. The final score was SJC 8, Kentucky Wesleyan 3.

The Pumas will be back at facing of University of Indianapolis on Easter Weekend.

Tennis Bounces Back

By Megan Fernandez
Sports Writer

The Men's tennis team suffered a tough loss Saturday against Valparaiso University. The nonconference game was at Valparaiso against the crusaders; Valparaiso is a D1 team in the Horizon League.

Although the final school came out 7-0, the men's team did not come out of the game feeling too discouraged, but rather enthused to get back to their home courts and work on any improvements they may need to help them prepare for their upcoming conference games. Conference games don't

start till April for the Men's team. Their first game will be against Lewis University. The team will be playing three more nonconference matches before conference to help them prepare for the season. The team has been hard at work playing against numerous teams.

Valparaiso was just one of the many teams Saint Joseph's faces in order to improve the team's strategies. Practicing against other teams will get them to where they want to be this season during conference. "The score does not reflect everything. We had a lot of close matches, but the team was playing really well" Says Sam Shammass, a sophomore tennis team member. "These games are nonconference games we use to better our mentality and physicality for conference."

Over the spring break the team traveled to Hilton Head where the team played back to back matches. The team played against five different teams all with different outcomes, but all games helped the team for practice. "Spring break was

the perfect break because the team hung out and got to practice outside with the nice weather. We played against really tough teams and had some really close scores. It helped us get to practice and play teams outside the rec and get ready for conference," commented Shammass.

The team is just looking to practice with these higher division teams to prepare for the difficult conference matches they will face in April.

The Women's Tennis team also traveled to Hilton Head over break and played against four different teams. They also used getting away from Saint Joseph's College to compete against other teams as a great form of practice that help will them see where they are currently at as a team. The girls season also begins April against Lewis University.

The Men's and Women's tennis team both compete March 26th next at home against Grace College.



Picture: Lucas Jessen
Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland

Upcoming Events

March 25th
Baseball vs University of Indianapolis
12:00pm & 3:00pm

Softball vs University of Wisconsin-Parkside
12:00pm & 2:00pm

March 26th
Men and Women's Track & Field in Gene and Rose Edmonds Invitational
10:00am

Women's Tennis vs Grace College
10:00am

Baseball at University of Indianapolis
12:00pm & 3:00pm

Softball vs Lewis University
12:00pm & 2:00pm

March 27th & 28th
Men's Golf at Wisconsin-Parkside Spring Invite in Otter Creek G.C. - Columbus, Ind.

March 29th
Baseball at Wayne State University
12:00pm & 3:00pm EST

Softball vs University of Indianapolis
2:00pm & 3:00pm

April 2nd
Men's Golf in The Jewell (Spring Regional #3) at Elks Run G.C. - Batavia, Ohio

Men's Tennis at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois
10:00am

Women's Tennis at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois
10:00am

Softball at Bellarmine University
12:00pm & 2:00pm

Baseball vs University of Wisconsin-Parkside
12:00pm & 3:00pm

April 3rd
Men's Golf in The Jewell (Spring Regional #3) at Elks Run G.C. - Batavia, Ohio

Men's Tennis vs Prairie State College
TBA

Softball at University of Southern Indiana
12:00pm & 2:00pm

Baseball vs University of Wisconsin-Parkside
12:00pm & 3:00pm

April 5th
Baseball vs Oakland City University
12:00pm & 3:00pm

Softball at University of Saint Francis in Illinois
3:00pm & 5:00pm

SJC Softball 3-1 In GLVC

By Makayla Copeland
Sports Writer

The opening weekend for the SJC softball team was at Westfield Indiana where the Pumas played William Jewell College and Rockhurst University. These were the first conference games for the Pumas.

The first games on Saturday were against William Jewell where the Pumas came out with a solid start with a sweep. Until the fourth inning the first game was scoreless until senior Kā Davis hit in two runs, sophomore Samme Miller and pitch runner freshman Zaliyah Johnson, to make the game 0-2. The Pumas were able to hold WJC for the win.

The second game against WJC was a close game. Right away WJC scored one run but SJC responded back with two runs. The two runs were an RBI hit by sophomore Samme Miller who scored freshman Zoe Anderson and junior Ashley Whitaker to make it 1-2 game for the Pumas. With lots of game left, the Pumas and WJC were both in the game to win. The top of the fifth inning, WJC scored another run to make

it a tied game and did the same in the sixth inning giving WJC the lead after the sixth. After the sixth neither one of the sides could produce anymore runs which resulted in extra innings. Going into the bottom of the ninth inning, the Pumas fought back, which resulted in sophomore Jordan Schneider getting a double, then getting moved over to third by a sacrifice bunt by Anderson. Then senior Myranda Eckberg had an RBI to score Schneider to win the game 3-4.

On Sunday the Pumas were looking for another sweep on the opening weekend. The Pumas played Rockhurst University for the second day of the opening weekend.

The first two innings were scoreless up until the bottom of the third when Junior Bri Wagner hit a triple and then Eckberg had a RBI to make it a 1-0 game. Rockhurst came right back getting the run back making it a 1-1 game. Rockhurst busted open the game in the top of the fifth inning scoring six runs on the Pumas making it a 7-1 game. The bottom of the sixth SJC came

back scoring as Whitaker got a single and ended up getting hit in by senior Haley Miller to make it 7-2 game. The bottom of the seventh the Pumas tried to pull out the win by scoring two more but it was not enough. Schneider got a hit and was moved to second base while Anderson walked. With runners on first and second Eckberg came up to hit and got a triple and scored two more runs making it 7-4 game with two outs. The Pumas could not find a way to get more runs and took their first loss in the conference.

The Pumas came back hard in the second game scoring four in the first inning. Anderson, Wagner, and S. Miller were on base when H. Miller hit a double and got three runs in. Then Davis came up and hit a single to score H. Miller to make it a 0-4 game. In the second inning, the Pumas got one more run as Schneider got on base and was later hit in by Eckberg's RBI to make it 0-5 game. Rockhurst came back the next inning and scored three runs. In the fifth inning, Davis hit a single to score H. Miller who walked and S. Miller hit a triple

to make it a 3-7 game. The next inning, the Pumas busted open the game, scoring six more runs. Eckberg got a single, Wagner was hit by a pitch, Whitaker was walked to load the bases. S. Miller got a single to score Eckberg. H. Miller hit a single to score Wagner and then Davis hit a 2 run RBI double to score S. Miller and freshman Makayla Copeland who ran for Whitaker. Junior Kenzie Anderson hit a double to score Davis and H. Miller to make it 5-13. That ended the game as SJC ruled Rockhurst.

This weekend the Pumas traveled to Springfield, Missouri to take on Drury University on Saturday. SJC split with Drury.

The first game started out scoreless until the third inning. Eckberg scored one for the Pumas by an error on Drury making it 0-1. In the fourth inning, the Pumas got two more runs by H. Miller and Davis to make it 0-3. In the fifth inning, Drury scored to make it 1-3 game. SJC came back in the seventh to add one more run by Schneider who stole home. This ended the first game with a 4-1 win for the Pumas.

In the second game the Pumas came out on top with the first run of the game. Wagner hit a double to score Z. Anderson, who got a single to make it 1-0. In the second inning, Drury came back with three runs to take the lead. But SJC did not let that get to them as Z. Anderson got on base by an error and then Eckberg hit a home-run to make it 3-3. Drury then came back with a home-run to make it 4-3. As the battle of home-runs continued, Davis added to the Pumas score with a home-run over center field to make it 4-4. Up until the fifth inning the game was tied and then Drury scored a run to make it 5-4. The Pumas could not produce anymore runs. Drury took the win over the Pumas.

The Pumas are home next weekend on Friday and Saturday against University of Wisconsin and Lewis University, both starting at 12 P.M. The Pumas will also play UIndy on Tuesday at home starting at 2 P.M.



Pictured: Morgan Akre
Photo Courtesy of Saint Joseph's College Athletics



Pictured: Haley Miller
Photo Courtesy of Saint Joseph's College Athletics

Puma Athlete Spotlight: Molly Flynn

By Madyson Anthony
Sports Writer

Molly Flynn is a junior at Saint Joseph's College from Marshall, Minnesota and a double major in Biology and Chemistry. Flynn is on the women's golf team and holds a team-best scoring average of 84.9.

When and why did you start playing golf?

I started golfing when I was 3 years old. My parents played along with a majority of the people in my hometown which is how I got into golf.

Who is your role model and why?

My role model growing up as a golfer was Annika Sorenstam. She was a professional golfer, and I always wanted to be like her. I also got to meet her when I was younger and it really pushed me to continue to play and work a lot harder at the game.

What made you want to come to Saint Joseph's?

I was recruited for golf and when I came on my visit, I felt like I was at home and that's how I decided on Saint Joe.

What are your goals for this upcoming season?

My goals for the upcoming season are to improve my

scoring average from fall season, and overall improve my scoring average from sophomore year. Another goal is to have a better finish in the conference tournament and improve individually for conference from last year as well.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy reading, listening to music, hanging out with my friends, and golfing!

Favorite song?

My favorite song is Fix You by Coldplay.

What is your favorite memory of this season so far?

My favorite memory from this year is going to Puerto Rico with my teammates. We had an incredible time and were lucky enough to get to do what we love in paradise.



Pictured: Molly Flynn
Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph's College Athletics

Dad and I- Big Camp, Val-des-Bois, QC, 8/13/15, 2:30 A.M.

By Patrick McElwain

CHEZ 106 had just started its Queen block-- the a cappella open to Fat Bottomed Girls chorused from behind us. We turned down the radio a bit. Neil and my grandfather had already gone to their rooms, and my cousin Michael was asleep on his cot in the kitchen. Dad and I sat at the table by the woodstove, a chilly Canadian breeze whisking through the porch door. We looked very much like ourselves- open flannel jackets, the same goatee, Crown Royal in hand. The table, strewn with baguette crumbs, paper plates, empty bottles, and cookie boxes, sported only one lit candle, directly between us. He set his Crown down, sniffed, and adjusted his glasses that reflected off the candle, showing his auburn hair.

"So Buck- your last year is coming up."

I picked up a baguette crumb and rubbed its rough texture to dust. "Yes sir," I smiled back.

"Excited? Ready to be done?"

"Yeah. I really am."

He smiled and reached for a box of maple cookies- the kind in the shape of a leaf. Its smell filled the entire place with that of pancake breakfasts. I took one too. He then proceeded to dip his cookie into his tumbler, and threw the sopping biscuit into his mouth. He started to point and laugh. Not to be outdone, I thrust my cookie into my own drink, and ate that just the same. Genius. It tasted like heaven; indescribably magnificent. The burning of the whiskey and the sweet cookie flavors combined perfectly. That could have been because we were both drunk and didn't care, but I like to think that it was a new tasty discovery.

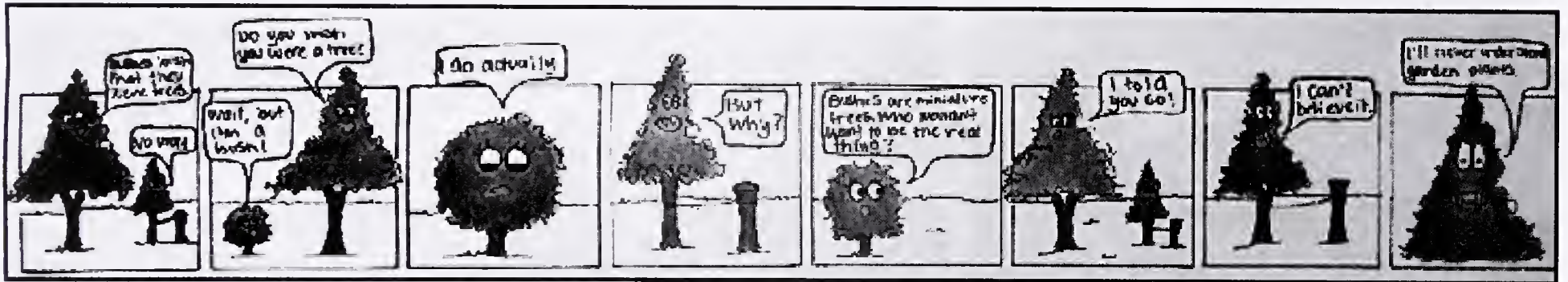
At the time, I couldn't believe what I was seeing or doing. How could he, my old and tired dad, come out of nowhere like that? If he were ten years younger, maybe. But certainly not now. I wondered why he was still awake. Was it because he wanted to listen to Queen that badly? Did he want to talk? I couldn't tell. He continued to laugh, and then started to reminisce, as he so often does, "Can't get this at home, Buck."

He was right. This was our only time really alone together all year for the past decade or so- a sacred period to us when he and I get to escape into the wilderness. Even if the pike weren't biting, or if it was blowing a gale on the lakes, every day we spent up there was met with the same optimism that only he and I shared. This time was different, though. He turned a bit more serious. He asked that damned question- the bane of every soon-to-be-graduate's existence- "So what are you doing after school?"

I knew I should have given him the generic press conference answer. That would've been the smart thing to do. But for some reason, I looked him in the eye and said plainly, "Not a damn clue." It was coming. The storm-- the drunken lecture of how I'm a bum. The same lecture I'd heard for the last 8 years. I braced myself.

I was surprised by his reaction- a smile. "No worries, my boy. You'll figure it out. I did."

Wow. His boy. That's one I hadn't heard in a long time. I'd been treated like an adult for most of my life, but at that moment, when grey eyes met brown, it was hard to distinguish whose were whose.



Comic Strip by Meghan Hennessey

Please send submissions (poems, short stories, and/or artwork) to glv9696@saintjoe.edu.

A poem, in honor of Women's History Month:

Untitled

By Nessa Bowie

Strong women lift each other up
Weak women tear each other down.
Open your eyes everyone!
Take a good look all around.
It is time to take a stand,
I will not be held down. We
are leaders, independent, powerful,
wonderful, courageous, educators.
Let us be positive role models to
the next generation of women.
Teaching them that we can
do anything we set our mind too.
And, that we are not helpless without
men. Ladies, we are caring,
wise intelligent, motivators.
Empowering one another, not giving
in to the haters. So, hold
your head up high, love yourself,
be a good example. Remember
that we can touch the sky!



Ceramics by Chuck Morrison

Gringa

By Gloria Michelle Leonard

I'm half Hoosier,
Half México--lindo y querido.
My playlist has Luke Bryan,
But also Aventura and Shakira.
I crave burgers and pizza,
Pero bien que le entro a las tortillas.

The Waiting Game.

By Joey Messer

I waited for you today.
I waited on the corner like I always do.
But I forgot, you weren't coming.

I waited at your locker.
I thought maybe you overslept.
But I forgot, you weren't coming.

I waited to eat lunch with you.
I know how you're always hungry.
But I forgot, you weren't coming.

I went to your gravesite today.
I told you what you missed and gave you notes.
But I forgot, you don't need them anymore.

I'll wait for you tomorrow.